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SUBJECT: Resumption of U.S. Participation in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

The President approved the recommendation of the Interagency Group, as presented in its January 29, 1983 report to the President, that the United States resume participation in the IAEA. Following that decision, a U.S. delegation attended the February 22-24 meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors. The Head of the U.S. delegation announced at that meeting the intention of the United States to renew its commitment to the IAEA and its programs.

Accordingly, U.S. government agencies are now free to resume normal participation in the IAEA, including attendance at IAEA-sponsored activities and conferences. The Department of State is again releasing funds for U.S. programs in support of the IAEA and for payments to the IAEA in accord with normal budget policy regarding timing of U.S. payments to international organizations.

During the IG's consideration of the U.S. role in the Agency and the Agency's effectiveness, it was noted that more effective utilization of U.S. resources in support of the IAEA might be possible. Each agency is therefore encouraged to examine its support of the Agency to ensure that its programs are most effectively structured and that funds are allocated to highest priority needs. The Interagency Steering Group on the IAEA will continue its review of relative priorities for funding of U.S. support for the IAEA.

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